

27 August 1984

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [REDACTED]

Director of Information Services

SUBJECT: The Church Papers

1. As authorized by the Deputy Director of Administration, I contacted Mr. Steven Garfinkel, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, on 27 August 1984. Last week I had sent him a copy of the United Press article, copy attached, and had a preliminary conversation with him on whether he would be willing to talk to Boise State University. He had agreed to do so.

2. I told Mr. Garfinkel that we were now ready to ask him to contact Boise State University for the purpose of discussing with officials there the possibility that Senator Church's papers might include classified information. If it seemed appropriate during the conversation, I authorized Mr. Garfinkel to say that we would send classification experts to conduct a review of the material. During our conversation, Mr. Garfinkel indicated that during his regularly scheduled meeting with his superior at the National Security Council, he mentioned our earlier conversation to Mr. Kimmit. Mr. Kimmit in turn suggested that Mr. Garfinkel alert Mr. Willard at the Justice Department. (I have since asked [REDACTED] our resident attorney, to brief Stanley Sporkin, General Counsel; I also briefed the Chairman, SECOM, ICS.)

3. Later in the day, Mr. Garfinkel called me to report the following:

- a. He made contact with the Assistant Librarian who is the Project Director of the Church Papers. The individual was not surprised to receive the call.
- b. The United Press article has already generated numerous requests for access from reporters and historians and the University was to resisting these initial requests.

- c. The material is under a two-year seal as stipulated in Senator Church's Deed of Gift, but this limitation can be waived by the Senator's wife.
- d. Mr. Garfinkel's impression is that the University will be willing to cooperate but the Project Director will first contact his superiors--the University's Librarian and the President of the University. Only these three individuals are authorized access to the Church Papers. They will also be in touch with the University's legal counsel, suggested by Mr. Garfinkel.

2. The Project Director offered to send Mr. Garfinkel a copy of Senator Church's Deed of Gift and also a copy of the box and folder list prepared at the Suitland Record Center, at Senator Church's request. This material might give us some clues as to what the papers contain but the Project Director believes that the total collection includes some classified material.

3. Mr. Garfinkel's first contact with the University was a good one. He and I agreed that there is nothing we can do now until the material from the University arrives. We will examine it, and then decide where we go from there. As an add-on, Mr. Garfinkel indicated that an individual who was Senator Church's administrative assistant and who was directly involved with the Church Papers is now practicing law in the D.C. area. Mr. Garfinkel does not intend to contact that individual now but will probably do so once we have a chance to assess the scope of the paper and our concerns. I added that we were arranging to inform selective members of the Idaho Congressional staff.

Transmitted Electronically

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CHURCH PAPERS

BOISE, IDAHO

Boise State University took delivery Monday of millions of pages of documents donated by the late Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, before he died earlier this year.

The Boise institution called it one of the largest collections of papers ever compiled by a United States senator.

Before Monday, the Church papers had been in temporary storage at the State Library. The papers previously had been housed at Stanford University.

Church, who lost a re-election bid in 1980 to Republican Steve Symms, died last April of pancreatic cancer.

Boise State has built a 2,500-square-foot room in a college building to house more than 3 million pages in the collection, which includes books, maps, letters and other documents.

"It will take approximately two years to prepare and index the collection," said Ralph Hansen, Boise State's associate librarian.

The collection contains research and correspondence written by Church while he was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Special Committee on Aging, school officials said.

Also included are papers about the Central Intelligence Agency, Vietnam, gun control and other issues, as well as copies of many of the 24-year senator's speeches.